

Week Ending: April 28, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 28, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included planting corn, rice, sorghum and soybeans. Excessive rain and cool soil temperatures have delayed the planting of cotton. Wheat and pasture conditions are beginning to improve but are behind on maturity. Cattle producers are gearing up to start harvesting ryegrass hay. Soil moisture conditions were rated 3 percent short, 63 percent adequate and 34 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	90	87	89	75	1	9	37	49	4
	Emerged	70	53	73	59					
Cotton	Planted	4	2	25	26	---	---	---	---	---
Rice	Planted	58	49	77	49	0	0	68	32	0
	Emerged	30	24	56	14					
Sorghum	Planted	60	50	46	42	0	4	43	50	3
	Emerged	38	26	32	30					
Soybeans	Planted	24	15	19	8	---	---	---	---	---
Wheat	Jointing	99	92	99	97	0	1	25	54	20
	Heading	45	37	84	72					
Peanuts	Planted	26	6	34	27	---	---	---	---	---
Sweet potatoes	Planted	8	5	3	10	---	---	---	---	---
Watermelons	Planted	67	52	66	68	0	2	23	60	15
Blueberries						0	18	34	22	3
Cattle						1	9	36	48	6
Pasture						1	13	44	31	11

### County Agent Comments

"Flea beetles are damaging corn but the warmer weather is starting to let the corn grow out of it. Some cotton is going in the ground - everyone is ready to start."

— Steve Winters, Grenada County

"Heavy rains from the previous week flooded bottom land fields. About 25% of planted acres will have to be replanted. Pastures are slow coming out. On severely grazed pastures there was considerable stand loss on bermuda grass. Cattle producers are busy evaluating pastures and planning to reestablish stands."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Need to keep a close eye on wheat. There is quite a bit septoria but not enough to treat in most fields. Flag leaves are still clear. If we get sunshine we can probably avoid a treatment. Plants should be in dough stage by middle of next week. We are about a week behind on maturity."

— Bill Maily, Hinds County

"Harvesting of ryegrass for hay and/or haylage is in full swing. Periodic, widely scattered thunderstorms over the weekend hindered desirable hay curing, however, most fields which were cut in mid-week have been baled. Many more acres will be cut this week. Corn fields look great."

— Lamar Adams, Walthall County

"Spring thunderstorms continue to cause delays in the completion of corn and watermelon planting. Just when fields are dry enough to work, more rain comes. Some soybean ground is ready for planting. Wheat is headed and looking good. Several producers are planning to cut ryegrass for hay next week."

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne County

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Weather Summary From April 22, 1996 to April 28, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	78	49	65	66	-1	5.12	+3.66	2	5.90	74	57	66	0.38
Cleveland	82	50	66			3.43		2	6.08				
Tunica													
Extreme/Average	82	49	65	66	-1	4.28	+2.82	2	5.99	74	57	66	0.38
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	81	39	62	63	-1	1.38	-0.08	2	1.93	73	53	64	0.25
Memphis	82	47	65	66	-1	0.88	-0.83	2	2.19				
Oxford	81	40	62	64	-2	1.90	+0.62	2	3.97				
Extreme/Average	82	39	63	64	-1	1.39	-0.09	2	2.70	73	53	64	0.25
3. Northeast													
Booneville	81	42	62	64	-2	3.08	+1.61	2	5.93				
Corinth	82	41	65	65	0	2.60	+1.22	2	4.61				
Iuka	78	35	60			3.26		3	5.35				
Pontotoc	82	41	64	64	-1	3.11	+1.79	3	5.65	78	57	68	0.30
Tupelo	84	44	65	65	+1	1.96	+0.68	2	5.29				
Verona	80	43	64			2.78		3	5.93	77	53	64	0.28
Extreme/Average	84	35	63	65	-1	2.80	+1.44	3	5.47	78	53	66	0.29
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	85	46	67	68	-1	1.80	+0.46	1	7.03	86	62	73	
Greenwood	87	48	69	67	+2	0.95	-0.29	1	5.26				
Rolling Fork	86	48	67			1.97	+0.73	1	7.20	86	65	76	0.24
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	86	48	70	68	+2	0.00	-1.30	0	1.60				
Extreme/Average	87	46	68	68	+1	1.18	-0.10	1	5.27	86	62	74	0.24
5. Central													
Carthage	84	42	66	67	0	2.00	+0.73	2	4.61				
Jackson	85	46	69	68	+1	2.07	+0.91	2	5.58				
Winona	81	38	62	64	-2	1.93	+0.59	2	8.33				
Extreme/Average	85	38	66	66	0	2.00	+0.74	2	6.24				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	85	50	70			0.37	-1.15	1	3.23	73	57	66	
Columbus	87	44	69			0.89		2	5.13				
State University	82	42	66	66	-1	0.62	-0.80	1	1.87	80	55	69	
Extreme/Average	87	42	68	66	+2	0.63	-0.84	1	3.41	80	55	67	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	48	69			1.98		1	5.31	83	68	75	
Natchez	85	48	71	70	+1	2.35	+0.92	2	6.06				
Oakley	85	45	67			2.81	+1.77	2	5.91	84	58	72	
Vicksburg	85	51	69			4.94		2	7.46				
Extreme/Average	85	45	69	70	-1	3.37	+2.13	2	6.48	84	58	72	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	85	47	68	70	-2	3.22	+1.96	4	5.09				
McComb	84	47	69	69	+1	0.78	-0.57	2	1.35				
Extreme/Average	85	47	69	69	0	2.00	+0.69	3	3.22				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	86	46	68			0.79		3	3.79	84	59	72	
Hattiesburg	83	48	69	70	-1	0.93	-0.21	3	5.22				
Laurel													
Meridian	86	43	68	67	+1	0.82	-0.61	2	3.49				
Newton	85	42	67	67	0	1.26	+0.20	3	4.20	77	52	66	0.21
Extreme/Average	86	42	68	68	0	0.90	-0.21	3	4.18	84	52	69	0.21
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	83	46	67			0.42		2	12.04				
Biloxi	81	54	73	71	+2	2.00	+0.95	1	6.63				
Gulfport	82	0	61	71	-10	1.62	+0.26	1	8.71				
Pascagoula	80	46	67	71	-5	0.17	-0.69	1	9.76				
Poplarville	85	49	69	70	-2	0.32	-0.88	2	3.93	85	59	72	0.21
Extreme/Average	85	0	67	71	-4	0.91	-0.21	1	8.21	85	59	72	0.21
State	67	0	67	67	-1	1.95	+0.64	2	5.12	88	52	69	0.24

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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